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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: RESISTANCE LEADER GAILANI TRIP
- TO U.S.

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DURING HIS VISIT HERE LAST MONTH, CONGRESSMAN
 WILSON WAS ALSO INTENSELY INTERESTED IN HAVING
 SPOKESMAN GAILANI VISIT WASHINGTON AND HOUSTON. WILSON
 TALKED OF A POSSIBLE HEARING IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE
 WOULD CHAIR -- GAILANI, PERHAPS WITH SOME WAR-WOUNDED
 AFGHANS, WOULD BE THE CHIEF WITNESSES. WILSON THEN
 SPOKE OF HAVING THE GROUP GO TO HOUSTON AS FEATURED
 GUESTS FOR A FUND RAISING EFFORT HE WOULD LIKE TO RUN
 TO GET FUNDS FOR AN ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERS.

3. WILSON RAISED THIS WITH THE VERY SENIOR LEVELS OF
 GOP, WHO APPEARED TO THINK WELL OF THE PROPOSALS. CFA
 PROPOSAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED TO WILSON'S IDEAS.
 DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH CFA AND FURTHER WITH
 CONGRESSMAN WILSON WHOSE PROPOSALS, I THINK, SHOULD
 HAVE PRIORITY. HINTON
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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION WITH WATTOO ON AID
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1. (CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. DURING LUNCHEON MEETING FEBRUARY 27 WITH FINANCE MINISTER WATTOO AND PARTY, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES WILSON ASKED FOR WATTOO'S REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRESENTATION ON AID LEVELS FOR THE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM. WATTOO REITERATED HIS STANDARD PRESENTATION (SEPTELS) AND THE MFA'S KHURSHID HYDER ADDED A PLEA FOR FMS FORGIVENESS FOR THE POST-87 PERIOD. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF PAKISTAN'S RISING DEBT BURDEN ENSUED.

3. WILSON UNDERScoreD THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY OUR BUDGET SITUATION ON OUR ABILITY TO DO ALL THAT WE WOULD LIKE IN HELPING PAKISTAN. HE STATED THAT THE BEST PAKISTAN COULD EXPECT WOULD BE TO TREATED LIKE ISRAEL AND EGYPT, THAT IS, THAT THE CUTS PAKISTAN EXPERIENCED WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE MAGNITUDE OF CUTS APPLIED TO THE CAMP DAVID PARTIES. WILSON WENT ON TO STATE HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT FMS FORGIVENESS FOR THE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT BUT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. HE UNDERTOOK

TO TRY TO GET IT DONE. IN A MORE TENTATIVE VEIN, WILSON ADDED THAT WE MIGHT NEXT YEAR TRY TO BEGIN TO WORK ON REDUCING PAKISTAN'S PAST DEBT BURDEN. THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR WILSON'S EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR FMS FORGIVENESS.

4. JOINING CONGRESSMAN WILSON FOR PORTIONS OF THIS EXCHANGE WERE FOREIGN OPS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OBEY, MATT MCHUGH, BOB MRAZEK, ROBERT DORNAN, BENJAMIN GILMAN, AND WILLIAM LEHMAN. ROBERT PECK ATTENDED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. COMMENT: IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION THE PAKISTANIS EXPRESSED GREAT SKEPTICISM THAT PAST DEBT COULD BE REDUCED, BUT WERE OBVIOUSLY BUOYED BY WILSON'S JUDGMENT THE FMS FORGIVENESS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON A PROSPECTIVE BASIS. SHULTZ
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SUBJ: GOM EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER STATEMENTS IN CONGRESS
- RE MALTA AND GOM POLICIES

1. ON MARCH 1, THE WEEKLY PAPER "THE DEMOCRAT"(SATURDAY ORGAN OF NATIONALIST PARTY, ENGLISH LANGUAGE) PRINTED THE TEXT OF SOME REMARKS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FEB. 19 BY CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM BROOMFIELD. THE TEXT OF THE REMARKS (PRESUMABLY EXCERPTED FROM A LONGER STATEMENT) IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT LIBYAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY PENETRATION IN MALTA. LAST YEAR, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SIGNED THE MALTA-LIBYA TREATY WHICH CALLS FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS AIMED AT HARMONIZING THEIR VIEWPOINTS ON POLITICAL SECURITY, AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION, LIBYA WILL TRAIN MALTESE PERSONNEL IN LIBYA AND IN MALTA AND WILL SUPPLY ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENTS WHICH THE MALTESE SIDE MAY REQUIRE.

BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION, MALTA IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF GOODS AND ARMS AND MALTESE PASSPORTS ARE EASILY ACQUIRED. EQUALLY DISCONCERTING IS THE SHIFT TO THE LEFT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA HAS MADE IN RECENT YEARS.

FORMER PRIME MINISTER "DOM" MINTOFF CLOSED THE NATO BASE IN MALTA IN 1979 AND SIGNED A NEUTRALITY AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW IN 1981. HE ALSO HAD NORTH KOREANS TRAIN MALTA'S RIOT POLICE. HIS SUCCESSOR, CARMELO MIFSUD BONNICI HAS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE THE POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT. HE MAY SOON DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SEEMS RELUCTANT TO CARRY OUT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR. WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ISLAND OF MALTA COULD BECOME A STAGING AREA FOR LIBYA'S VARIOUS SHADY ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE AND THE SURROUNDING REGION.

END TEXT.

2. ON MARCH 4, VICTOR CAMILLERI, THE ACTING SECRETARY

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OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CONGRESS-
MAN BROOMFIELD'S REPORTED REMARKS, BEGINNING WITH
EXPRESSION "OUR GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONCERNED ...",
MEANT THAT THESE VIEWS WERE THOSE OF THE USG ITSELF. IN
PARTICULAR, CAMILLERI SAID THAT IT WAS SIMPLY UNTRUE
TO CLAIM THAT PRIME MINISTER MIFSUD BONNICI WAS INTENDING
TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR CANCEL THE SCHEDULED
ELECTIONS. CAMILLERI SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCEBERRAS
TRIGONA VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THERE COULD BE SOME WAY OF
CORRECTING THE RECORD ON THIS.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE ENTIRELY
FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONSIDERED VIEWS ON ALL ISSUES
OF CONCERN TO THEM, AND IT WAS NOT/NOT A QUESTION OF THE
USG HAVING A ROLE IN THIS. INDEED, FREE PARLIAMENTARY
EXPRESSION WAS BASIC TO OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH DID NOT AND COULD NOT "CORRECT THE
RECORD," AS IT WERE. ON THE OTHER HAND, PERHAPS THIS
WAS AN INSTANCE WHEN MALTA'S NEW REPRESENTATIVE IN
WASHINGTON, ALFRED FALZON, COULD TAKE OCCASION TO MAKE
APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS. CAMILLERI SAID THAT FALZON
HAD ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO DO SO.

4. CAMILLERI SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT PARLIAMENTARY
FREEDOM, BUT ASKED IF THERE COULD PERHAPS BE SOME WAY
OF COUNTERACTING SUCH STATEMENTS IN AN APPROPRIATE
MANNER.

5. COMMENT/ACTION REQUESTED: CHARGE FALZON MAY RAISE
THIS ALSO WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, ALTHOUGH GOM HAS
BEEN GIVEN CLEARLY TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT A
QUESTION OF EXECUTIVE INTERCESSION ON MALTA'S BEHALF.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF, IN FACT, THESE
REPORTED REMARKS BY CONGRESSMAN BROOMFIELD WERE MADE
AS PART OF A BROADER CONTEXT. INCIDENTALLY, "THE
DEMOCRAT" ALSO PUBLISHED ON THE SAME PAGE IN THE SAME
EDITION THE FULL TEXT OF A MUCH LENGTHIER STATEMENT ON
MALTA (OF JAN. 30) BY CONGRESSMAN EDWARD FEIGHAN OF OHIO,
ALSO CRITICAL OF THE GOM REGARDING FOREIGN POLICY AND
HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. CAMILLERI SAID THAT THIS
WAS OF "LESS" CONCERN SINCE FEIGHAN DID NOT PREFACE HIS
REMARKS BY SAYING THAT THE USG SHARED HIS VIEWS.

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TAGS: PREL, MARR, ANZUS, NZ
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN UDALL'S COMMENT ON ANTI-NUCLEAR
- LEGISLATION

1. (U) SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORIES MARCH 1
DATELINED WASHINGTON QUOTING REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS
UDALL AS SAYING THAT NEW ZEALAND'S PROPOSED ANTI-
NUCLEAR LEGISLATION DOES NOT VIOLATE U.S. NCND
POLICY. UDALL IS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
THE PROPOSED LAW DOES NOT DIFFER SUBSTANTIALY FROM
THE STANCE TAKEN BY JAPAN.

2. (C) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT BRIEF UDALL
OR MEMBER OF HIS STAFF ON DETAILS OF LEGISLATION AND
PARTICULARLY TO EXPLAIN WHY THE PROPOSED LAW AS
DRAFTED WOULD IN FACT: 1) FORCE LANGE TO UNDERMINE
NCND, OR 2) FORCE LANGE OR THE U.S. TO LIE.
CLEVELAND

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